
SENATE BILL No. 371

DIGEST OF INTRODUCED BILL

Citations Affected: IC 8-9-10; IC 16-18-2-237.5; IC 16-19-3.

Synopsis: Mobile camps for railroad employees. Establishes standards for a mobile camp provided by a railroad company for maintenance of way employees. Requires a railroad company to provide drinking water at assembly points where at least two maintenance of way employees meet. Requires the executive board of the state department of health to adopt rules concerning mobile camps. Makes conforming amendments.

Effective: Upon passage; July 1, 2007.

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A BILL FOR AN ACT to amend the Indiana Code concerning utilities and transportation.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Indiana:

- 1 SECTION 1. IC 8-9-10-1 IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS
2 [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2007]: Sec. 1. **(a) As used in this section,**
3 **"mobile camp" means a temporary location where at least two (2)**
4 **railroad maintenance of way employees are housed.**
5 **(b) Every railroad company within the state of Indiana shall provide**
6 **and adequately maintain a heated room or rooms at all terminals and**
7 **headquarters in the operation of said the railroad company, for the use**
8 **of its employees. containing**
9 **(c) Each room required by subsection (b) must contain** adequate
10 wash basins, shower-baths, inside toilets, and sufficient lockers for
11 checking employees' clothing. ~~In addition to the foregoing,~~
12 **(d) Every railroad shall maintain at all permanent assembly points**
13 **a supply of drinking water dispensed in a sanitary manner. A**
14 **permanent assembly point under this chapter is a location where a**
15 **minimum of six (6) two (2) maintenance of way employees meet for a**
16 **period of not less than six (6) months of each year.**
17 **(e) A railroad company that houses maintenance of way**



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employees in a mobile camp shall provide and adequately maintain for the employees' use outfit cars, camp cars, or trailers with the following:

- (1) Heat and air conditioning.
- (2) An adequate number of wash basins, showers, and inside toilets.
- (3) An adequate number of lockers for checking employees' clothing and personal belongings.
- (4) An adequate supply of potable water dispensed in a sanitary manner for drinking, bathing, cooking, and cleaning cooking utensils.
- (5) Floor space of at least:
 - (A) sixty (60) square feet per resident for sleeping units using single beds; and
 - (B) eighty (80) square feet per resident for sleeping units using double bunk beds.

(f) A railroad company that houses maintenance of way employees in a mobile camp shall:

- (1) not later than two (2) business days after employees arrive at that location, notify the local health department with jurisdiction in the area in which the mobile camp is located of the existence of the mobile camp; and
- (2) request and permit inspection by an authorized representative of the local health department to ensure the conditions of the outfit cars, camp cars, or trailers are sanitary and healthful for the:
 - (A) maintenance of way employees; and
 - (B) local community.

(g) A railroad company shall locate and maintain a mobile camp described in subsection (e) in a safe and healthy environment.

SECTION 2. IC 8-9-10-2 IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2007]: Sec. 2. (a) Whenever the Indiana department of transportation secures reliable information, receives a complaint, or, because of reports made by the department's inspectors, has reason to believe that a railroad company in this state does not provide and adequately maintain the sanitary facilities provided for in **section 1(b) through 1(e) of** this chapter, the department shall make an investigation as necessary. The department shall conduct a hearing at which both the railroad company and the employees affected will be given a full opportunity to present evidence as to the necessity and reasonableness of the proposed changes or improvements.

(b) When the investigation required under subsection (a) is made,

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the Indiana department of transportation shall report to the manager or superintendent of the railroad company. In the report and recommendations, the department shall make an accurate statement of the time the examination was made, of the exact location, character, and extent of defects or omissions, if any have been found, and shall recommend reasonable changes and improvements, additions, buildings, and accommodations, as are, in the opinion of the department, necessary to remedy the faults, neglect, requirements, or defects. The recommendations must set out specifically a reasonable time within which such improvements or changes or additions shall be made by the railroad company.

(c) If the recommendations under subsection (b) are not carried out within the time specified, then the Indiana department of transportation may commence proceedings by mandamus or other remedy in a circuit or superior court having jurisdiction to enforce compliance with its order. All courts having jurisdiction in these cases shall give preference to the cases and shall hear and determine the case speedily to the end that the employees' interests and the public interests may not suffer.

SECTION 3. IC 8-9-10-3 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA CODE AS A NEW SECTION TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2007]: **Sec. 3. In addition to this chapter, the railroad company is subject to a rule adopted under IC 16-19-3-4.4.**

SECTION 4. IC 16-18-2-237.5 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA CODE AS A NEW SECTION TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2007]: **Sec. 237.5. "Mobile camp", for purposes of IC 16-19-3, has the meaning set forth in IC 16-19-3-0.5.**

SECTION 5. IC 16-19-3-0.5 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA CODE AS A NEW SECTION TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2007]: **Sec. 0.5. As used in this chapter, "mobile camp" has the meaning set forth in IC 8-9-10-1(a).**

SECTION 6. IC 16-19-3-4 IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2007]: **Sec. 4. (a) The executive board may, by an affirmative vote of a majority of its members, adopt reasonable rules on behalf of the state department to protect or to improve the public health in Indiana.**

(b) The rules may concern but are not limited to the following:

- (1) Nuisances dangerous to public health.
- (2) The pollution of any water supply other than where jurisdiction is in the water pollution control board and department of environmental management.
- (3) The disposition of excremental and sewage matter.
- (4) The control of fly and mosquito breeding places.

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(5) The detection, reporting, prevention, and control of diseases that affect public health.

(6) The care of maternity and infant cases and the conduct of maternity homes.

(7) The production, distribution, and sale of human food.

(8) **Except as provided in section 4.4 of this chapter**, the conduct of camps.

(9) Standards of cleanliness of eating facilities for the public.

(10) Standards of cleanliness of sanitary facilities offered for public use.

(11) The handling, disposal, disinterment, and reburial of dead human bodies.

(12) Vital statistics.

(13) Sanitary conditions and facilities in public buildings and grounds, including plumbing, drainage, sewage disposal, water supply, lighting, heating, and ventilation, other than where jurisdiction is vested by law in the fire prevention and building safety commission or other state agency.

(14) The design, construction, and operation of swimming and wading pools. However, the rules governing swimming and wading pools do not apply to a pool maintained by an individual for the sole use of the individual's household and house guests.

SECTION 7. IC 16-19-3-4.4 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA CODE AS A **NEW** SECTION TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2007]: **Sec. 4.4. (a) The executive board shall adopt reasonable rules to regulate the sanitary conditions, operation, and facilities of mobile camps.**

(b) The rules adopted under subsection (a) shall be enforced by local health officers under IC 16-20-1-19 and IC 16-22-8-34(a)(22).

(c) The rules must include the following:

(1) A requirement for an inspection fee of seventy-five dollars (\$75) for an occupant capacity of each fifty (50) individuals for an inspection of the sanitary conditions, operation, and facilities of a mobile camp.

(2) The provision that the inspection fee shall be paid to the:
(A) local health department under IC 16-20-1-2: or
(B) municipal corporation created under IC 16-22-8-6;
before initiation of the inspection. The fee shall be deposited in the general fund of the local health department or the municipal corporation.

(3) A provision that the officials of the local health department or the municipal corporation referenced in

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1 subdivision (2) may conduct joint inspections of the mobile
2 camp with the:

3 (A) authorized state director; or

4 (B) union representative;

5 of each craft of employees working for the railroad company
6 that is the subject of the inspection.

7 SECTION 8. [EFFECTIVE UPON PASSAGE] (a)
8 Notwithstanding IC 16-19-3-4.4, as added by this act, the state
9 department of health shall carry out the duties imposed upon it
10 under IC 16-19-3-4.4, as added by this act, under interim written
11 guidelines approved by the state health commissioner.

12 (b) This SECTION expires on the earlier of the following:

13 (1) The date rules are adopted under IC 16-19-3-4.4, as added
14 by this act.

15 (2) December 31, 2008.

16 SECTION 9. An emergency is declared for this act.

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